

Generic action bank for story telling

Key Connective	Suggested Action
Once upon a time	Open hands like a book.
Early one morning	Hands to one side of head and pretend to wake up.
Who	Finger circle index finger in air.
First	One finger up.
Next	Two fingers pointed to one side.
But	Fingers down.
Because	Hands out open palmed
At that moment	Hands expressively open as if in surprise.
Suddenly	
To his/her/their amazement	
Unfortunately	
Luckily	Hands raised open as if thanking.
After/after that	Roll hands over in turning gesture.
So	Roll hands forwards and open as if giving.
Finally	Palm facing audience like a policeman stopping traffic.
In the end/Happily ever after	Bring hands together as if closing book.
Eventually	

Suggested actions specific to Cinderella

Cinderella	Hands stroke sides of head as if stroking long hair.
Sisters/ugly sisters	Pull ugly face
Sad/sadly/cry	Index fingers point to corners of mouth and move down.
Work/housework	Move arms as if sweeping floor with broom.
Rags/raggy clothes	Index fingers move down body in a jagged fashion.
Grand ball	Curtsy or bow.
Excited	With index finger pointing, rotate hand in spiral in front of stomach.
Fairy godmother	Move arms as if flying.
Wand	Wave hand as if waving wand.
Pumpkin	Arms held high in front of body-move round describing a large circle.
3 Rats	Hold up 3 fingers.
4 Mice	Hold up 4 fingers.
Coach	Index fingers rotate in front of body describing wheels.
Coach men/courtier	Stand up straight and tall.
Horses	Clap cupped hands.
Glass slippers	Point to foot.
Midnight	Arms straight. Move out and up above head to clap.
Stared	Fingers move in spirals in front of eyes.
Dance/danced/dancing	Stand with arms held as if holding partner.
Prince	Hands at side of ears with fingers extended upwards.
Ran	Move bent arms from side to side as if running.